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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, ADA FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Ada Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its Mason A No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUJ, Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, Ada Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, said well being located as shown on the attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 99-M-1, effective October 1, 1973.
2. To find that designation and use of the Mason A No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUJ is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS B RA SUJ which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in Ada Field, Webster and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order Nos. 99-M-1, effective October 1, 1973, and 99-M-31, effective January 13, 1988.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504)

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834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

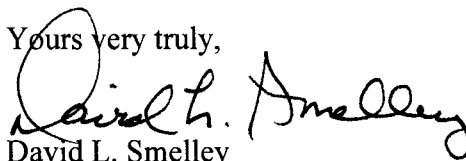
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Ada Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

